

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claim 8 without prejudice, amend claims 1-7 and add new dependent claims 9-15 as follows.

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1. (Currently Amended) An elevator apparatus comprising:  
an actuating device including a sheave around which a rope engaged with an ascending and descending cage is wound, ~~the cage having a horizontal cross-sectional area~~, said sheave being adapted to rotate thereby to move said rope with its rotation, and a driving section for rotating said sheave, and  
a shielding body for shielding said actuating device, ~~the shielding body having a horizontal cross-sectional area less than the cross-sectional area of the cage~~,  
wherein the sheave, a speed reducer, a drive assembly and a brake assembly are integrated in the actuating device, and  
wherein said actuating device and said shielding body are installed on a rooftop ~~permanently attached to~~ of a building in which said ascending and descending cage is disposed, said shielding body being readily detachable from said rooftop.
  2. (Currently Amended) The elevator apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said actuating device includes a support member, a said speed-reducer mounted on a first side of said support member, a said drive assembly mounted on a second side of said support member, and a said brake assembly supported on said second side of said support member, said second side being opposite from said first side.
  3. (Currently Amended) The elevator apparatus according to claim 2 1, wherein said speed-reducer, and said drive assembly ~~and said brake assembly~~ are arranged coaxially to one another.
  4. (Currently Amended) The elevator apparatus according to claim 2 10, wherein said brake assembly is arranged radially inwardly of said drive assembly.
  5. (Currently Amended) The elevator apparatus according to claim 2 1, wherein an output wheel of said speed-reducer constitutes said sheave, so that said speed reducer is arranged radially inwardly of said sheave.
  6. (Currently Amended) The elevator apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a support member of the actuating device is attached to an upper surface of said roof top.

7. (Currently Amended) The elevator apparatus according to claim 1 ~~further including a wherein said~~ speed-reducer, ~~a and said~~ drive assembly ~~and a brake assembly~~ are mounted on a single input shaft, so as to be adjacent to each other.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (New) The elevator apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said brake assembly overlaps with said speed reducer, said drive assembly and said sheave in a direction perpendicular to an axial direction of said brake assembly.

10. (New) The elevator apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said drive assembly includes:

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a rotary disc extending radially,  
a ring being fixed to an outer circumference of the rotary disc, on an outer surface of which permanent magnets are attached so as to constitute a rotor, and  
a stator arranged radially outwardly of said ring.

11. (New) The elevator apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising an encoder arranged at the center of a space formed inside of said ring.

12. (New) The elevator apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said brake assembly is arranged coaxially to said driving assembly.

13. (New) The elevator apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said drive assembly includes:

a rotary disc extending radially,  
a rotor being fixed to an outer circumference of the rotary disc,  
an input shaft fixed to a central portion of the rotary disc, the input shaft being rotationally driven by said drive assembly, and  
a supporting member positioned in facing relationship to a radial web of the rotary disc, the supporting member supporting the speed reducer.

14. (New) The elevator apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising an encoder arranged at the center of a space formed inside of said ring.

15. (New) The elevator apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said brake assembly is arranged coaxially to said driving assembly.

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